(c) Replanting of Senile Cashew Plantations have not been taken up by the Government of Andhra Pradesh so far.

(d) No target has been fixed for replanting of Senile Cashew Plantation in Andhra Pradesh during the current financial year 2003-04.

National Livestok Policy

5145. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE :
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn up a National Livestock Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the new policy makes adequate provision for generating employment opportunities in the agricultural sectors and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being contemplated to secure greater budgetary allocation during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) No, Sir. However, a draft National Livestock Policy has been drawn up.

(b) and (c) National Livestock Policy is being formulated to attain qualitative and /quantitative improvement in livestock, livestock products, feed and fodder resources, and also to have a better interface between modern technologies regarding breeding, nutrition and health care through various management interventions and Animal Husbandry Extension Programme, to guide the future policies and programmes which will result in additional employment opportunity.

(d) New Schemes namely Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme, Poultry/Dairy Venture Capital Funds, Strengthening of Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production and Strengthening of Database Information Net Working are being taken up during 10th Plan Period. The 9th Plan allocation of Rs. 1682.95 crore has been enhanced to Rs.2500/- crore in 10th Plan.

Investment on R and D in Agriculture

5146. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO :
SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to invest more on research and development in agriculture to reduce import bill of edible oils; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?